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Illinois 2020 Spring Wild Turkey Preliminary Harvest Totals 15,800 Birds

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Illinois turkey hunters harvested a preliminary statewide total of 15,800 wild turkeys during the 2020 Spring Turkey Season. This year's preliminary harvest total compares with the 2019 statewide turkey harvest of 15,190. The statewide preliminary total includes the 2020 Youth Turkey Season harvest of 1,744 birds, a record total, and compares with the 2019 youth harvest of 1,392 turkeys. The statewide record total was set in 2006 when 16,569 turkeys were harvested.

Spring turkey hunting was open in 100 of Illinois' 102 counties. The 2020 season dates were April 6-May 7 in the South Zone and April 13-May 14 in the North Zone. The Youth Spring Turkey Season was March 28-29 and April 4-5 statewide.

Spring turkey hunting was suspended at Illinois Department of Natural Resources sites during the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Turkey hunters this spring took a preliminary total of 6,285 wild turkeys during all regular season segments in the South Zone, compared with 5,959 last year in the south. The preliminary harvest total for all regular season segments in the North Zone this year was 7,771 wild turkeys, compared with 7,832 in northern counties in 2019.

The top five counties for spring wild turkey harvest in 2020 were Jefferson (508), Jo Daviess (464), Marion (444), Pike (404), and Randolph (379).

A table with county preliminary harvest totals for the 2020 Illinois Spring Turkey Season, and 2019 comparable harvest totals, is below.

Illinois Spring Turkey Season Harvest County Totals

County	2020	2019
ADAMS	321	331
ALEXANDER	142	163
BOND	159	153
BOONE	79	66
BROWN	244	227
BUREAU	170	212
CALHOUN	246	201
CARROLL	152	179
CASS	202	254
CHAMPAIGN	36	20
CHRISTIAN	41	53
CLARK	233	179
CLAY	264	232
CLINTON	116	111
COLES	45	50
CRAWFORD	217	227
CUMBERLAND	78	64
DEKALB	11	12
DEWITT	55	42
DOUGLAS	9	7
EDGAR	89	80
EDWARDS	93	98
EFFINGHAM	144	120
FAYETTE	284	259
FORD	19	9
FRANKLIN	203	183
FULTON	377	402
GALLATIN/HARDIN	221	224
GREENE	153	170
GRUNDY	59	56
HAMILTON	251	227
HANCOCK	327	344
HENDERSON	128	142
HENRY	110	108
IROQUOIS	84	80
JACKSON	329	295
JASPER	147	136
JEFFERSON	508	480
JERSEY	194	169

JODAVIESS	464	542
JOHNSON	197	220
KANE	3	1
KANKAKEE	47	51
KENDALL	14	17
KNOX	270	265
LAKE	10	5
LASALLE	102	115
LAWRENCE	163	128
LEE	85	90
LIVINGSTON	38	34
LOGAN	47	39
MACON	36	36
MACOUPIN	319	270
MADISON	283	220
MARION	444	328
MARSHALL/PUTNAM	127	108
MASON	150	182
MASSAC	98	83
MCDONOUGH	129	149
MCHENRY	101	86
MCLEAN	65	62
MENARD	108	98
MERCER	224	234
MONROE	166	141
MONTGOMERY	190	162
MORGAN	157	130
MOULTRIE	43	36
OGLE	147	165
PEORIA	136	139
PERRY	240	218
PIATT	5	14
PIKE	404	383
POPE	277	310
PULASKI	122	107
RANDOLPH	379	383
RICHLAND	151	117
ROCK ISLAND	217	203
SALINE	122	102
SANGAMON	116	124

SCHUYLER	249	239
SCOTT	93	101
SHELBY	146	118
ST CLAIR	152	140
STARK	18	13
STEPHENSON	188	184
TAZEWELL	72	77
UNION	311	310
VERMILION	118	127
WABASH	56	58
WARREN	61	61
WASHINGTON	175	144
WAYNE	372	303
WHITE	188	139
WHITESIDE	116	162
WILL	43	80
WILLIAMSON	284	249
WINNEBAGO	169	169
WOODFORD	81	63